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DUVANNY -- Baku, Kommunist, 28 May 53

Duvanny, situated on the Caspian Sea, is so new that it does not even appear on the map. It was established in 1951 because oil workers were drilling new oil wells in that area. Since 1951, more than 300 apartment buildings have been constructed in Duvanny and thousands of oil workers are living in them.

Thousands of trees were planted in the area, but because of the saltiness of the land many of them died. However, the undaunted inhabitants constantly plant new trees.

Several million rubles were spent during these 2 years for the erection of dwellings and of buildings to insure the social welfare of the inhabitants. About 3 million rubles were spent for public education during 1952, and about 7 million will be spent during 1953. Duvanny has a children's sanatorium and a hospital. At present, there is one doctor for every 150 inhabitants of the town, and one teacher for every 180 inhabitants.

Until recently, water had to be brought in by train. However, with the completion of the construction of an aqueduct, the town is now being supplied with water.

There is a newly constructed 7-year school in Duvanny, with 300 students and 16 teachers.

The Duvanny City Soviet consists of 35 members.

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DZHUL'FA -- Baku, Kommunist, 1 Jul 53

Situated along the Soviet-Iranian border, Dzhul'fa is a well-developed city in the Nakhichevanskaya ASSR.

Besides a secondary school, Dzhul'fa has eight public libraries, two hospitals, two polyclinics, two dispensaries, three restaurants, two bakeries, two public bathhouses, and several stores. Two more secondary schools will be completed in 1954.

In 1952 alone, several apartment houses with 6,500 square meters of living space were constructed in Dzhul'fa. In recent years 12 multistoried buildings have been erected.

The streets of Dzhul'fa, the most important of which are Kirov Kutche, Vagzal (Railway Station) Kutche, and Oktyabr' Kutche, are all paved. The construction of several more streets is under way.

There is sufficient electric power in Dzhul'fa to supply all the houses, government buildings, stores, and streets with ample electricity.

There are over 100 doctors, teachers, and agricultural experts in Dzhul'fa.

On the Daridagh Mountain near Dzhul'fa there is mineral water, the therapeutic qualities of which are hard to match. Measures are being taken to exploit this source and to erect a health resort in this area.

ASTARA -- Baku, Kommunist, 3 Jul 53

Besides a large industrial combine and an MTS provided with the most modern machinery, Astara has a fish canning plant producing 1,500 tons of fish a year. The newly constructed tea factory, which cost 11 million rubles, processes great quantities of Azerbaydzhan tea. The workers of this factory have been provided with houses with a total of 1,300 square meters of living space. The factory has its own electric plant.

Astara has one secondary and two 7-year schools with a total of 1,100 students and 48 teachers.

Besides a 50-bed hospital, a clinic, and an obstetrical center, there are in Astara laboratories for research on malaria and contagious diseases. Eighteen doctors and 38 medical assistants form the personnel of these health establishments.

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